

## AGENDA



Thursday, July 29, 2010

**Health and Human Services  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
**Item No. 36**

**Subject:** Authorize negotiation and execution of four contract amendments to increase funding for the delivery of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immune deficiency syndrome related services with: AIDS SERVICES OF AUSTIN, Austin, TX, for the provision of non-medical case management in an amount not to exceed \$23,661 for an annual contract amount not to exceed \$257,266, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$490,871; AUSTIN/TRAVIS COUNTY MHMR, for the provision of mental health case management in an amount not to exceed \$8,145 for an annual contract amount not to exceed \$61,818, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$115,491; PROJECT TRANSITIONS, INC. for the provision of residential hospice and supportive care in an amount not to exceed \$37,204 for an annual contract amount not to exceed \$125,053, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$212,902; and THE WRIGHT WELLNESS CENTER, for the provision of evidence based prevention, education and outreach services in an amount not to exceed \$7,500 for an annual contract amount not to exceed \$130,262, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$253,024.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$76,510 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) The contract period is July 1, 2010 to February 28, 2011. Funding for any extension options is contingent on available funding in future budgets.

**Fiscal Note:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required

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**Prior Council Action:** March 5, 2009, Council approved four 12-month renewal options of contracts.

The City of Austin through the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) funds a broad array of health and social services for eligible individuals with HIV/AIDS, in order to maintain or improve overall health, safety, and quality of life. The City continues to provide local funding for HIV services as part of the Maintenance of Effort requirement of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006, Part A and Part C grant programs. The City General Fund support for these contracts helps secure approximately \$5 million in annual Federal Ryan White grant funding. Unallocated funding in the HIV Resources Administration Activity will be used to amend existing contracts and increase service delivery of non-medical case management, mental health case management, residential hospice and evidence based prevention & education.

The number of individuals living with HIV continues to grow, with 139 new cases of HIV reported in Travis County in 2009, most living in the City of Austin. These funds will be used to purchase additional hospice, mental health case management, non-medical case management and prevention services. A summary of funding and performance measures are included on Attachment A.

The City of Austin, Travis County, and Travis County Healthcare District continue to collaborate on a comprehensive HIV planning strategy for future investment by each entity in the continuum of HIV services, including prevention, support services, and treatment. Additional planning support is provided by the Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council through a comprehensive HIV needs

assessment that will be completed this summer. These efforts will enable HHSD to identify gaps in HIV/AIDS services and make informed decisions on how to best invest funds that achieve desired outcomes through a competitive process toward the end of 2010, resulting in new HIV social services contracts beginning on March 1, 2011.